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DISTRICT 2 MEETINGS:

Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 3 MEETINGS:

Registration 9:00 am
Joint Meeting 10:00 am
Meeting 10:30 am
Lunch 12:00noon

DISTRICT 4 MEETINGS:

Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Lunch(\$7) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 5 MEETINGS:

Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Lunch 12:00noon

DISTRICT 7 MEETINGS:

Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
No Lunch

DISTRICT 8 MEETINGS:

Registration 9:00 am
Meeting 10:00 am
Lunch (\$7) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS:

Registration 9:00 am
Joint Meeting 10:00 am
Meeting 11:00 am
Lunch 12:00noon

DISTRICT 10 MEETINGS:

Registration 10:00 am
Meeting 11:00 am
Lunch(\$10.00) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 11 MEETINGS:

Registration 10:30 am
Meeting 11:00 am
Lunch (\$10) 12:00noon

DISTRICT 12 MEETINGS:

Registration 9:00 a.m.
Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Lunch (\$7) 12:00 noon

IMPORTANT NOTE:

STATE CONVENTION

**JUNE 25-28 @ HOLIDAY INN ALEXANDRIA,
LA HAS BEEN CANCELLED!**

ONE DAY CONVENTION

JUNE 20, 2020

VFW POST 8971 EUNICE, LA

10:00 A.M.

District Commanders,

**Please send 2020-2021 District Meeting Date
& Information to lastatevfw@yahoo.com**

Important Dates:

State Convention
June 20, 2020
POST 8971 EUNICE,
LA

CofA Meeting
August 14-16, 2020

Mid Winter
January 14-16, 2021

State Convention
June 24-27, 2021



Congratulations to the 2019-2020 All State Team Post and District Commander for all of their hard work!

(All State Team Post and Districts will be recognized during the CofA in August)

DIST 2	POST 3750	BOBBY LOVERGNE, CMDR MERLIN EDLER, QTM
DIST 5	POST 2130	MICHAEL PALMER, CMDR JESSE CURRY, QTM
DIST 7	POST 5153	LEONARD MARKS, CMDR LARRY THOMAS, QTM
DIST 7	POST 8971	DONALD REBER, CMDR ROGER VEILLON, QTM
DIST 9	POST 8720	PAUL HAMBURGER, CMDR MICHAEL PEATS, QTM
DIST 11	POST 1809	CHRISTOPHER LEGUIN, CMDR STEPHENI LEGUIN, QTM
DIST 11	POST 4317	PHILIP LAWRENCE, CMDR _____, QTM

DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER, GEORGE HAASE

“Dare To Care”
Nat’l Commander in Chief
William J. “Doc” Schmitz



**“Serving Veterans
Anytime, Anyplace,
Anywhere”**
State Commander
C. M “Mickey” Carroll

AWARDS LUNCHEON:

Due to our Annual State Convention being changed to a one day Convention, we will NOT present any awards at the Convention. Instead we will host an Awards Luncheon during our Council of Administration meeting in August. During this Luncheon we will honor the 2019-2020 All State Team, present the 2019-2020 Program Awards, and Honor the Installation of the 2020-2021 Officers.

***See Page 9 in this mail call
for more information!***

ELECTION REPORTS:

The following Post have NOT submitted their Election Reports online:

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| #3267 | #11169 |
| #5852 | #3652 |
| #7194 | #5174 |
| #7307 | #7196 |
| #1982 | #7286 |
| #4158 | #3841 |
| #4201 | #5002 |
| #4215 | #7643 |
| #9822 | #3977 |
| #12182 | #4317 |
| #3686 | #4586 |
| #4759 | |
| #3803 | |
| #5153 | |
| #6720 | |
| #3766 | |

Membership:

As of June 3, 2020 the Department is at **90.90%**. We need **1,041 members** to make 100%! The Department would like to thank all of the Post that have reached their 100% Membership goal for this year!

VFW National Member Service Center Note:

Please note that on Tuesday, June 30th, the Member Service Center will process all membership mail that it has received (physically in house) for that day or called/FAXED in by close of business (4:30pm Central Standard Time (CST)). The Online Membership System (OMS) will remain open for membership submission until June 30th at 6:30pm CST. Please be sure to advise all Posts to submit their final membership information by then. Shortly after 6:30pm, all membership processing will shut down so we can begin the year-end processing. As in the past, IT will require a short period of time to reconcile our final year-end processing and will keep you posted as to when the systems will be returned online in early July.

FLAG DAY

June 14, 2020

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition

Please visit

***www.vfwstore.org to
purchase flag day supplies***

Community Service Reporting:

Community Service Reports may now be submitted online by visiting our website www.vfwdeptla.org under the Programs—Community Service Section! Any questions—Contact State Chairman Tim Sloan vfwlacommunityservice@gmail.com

*Any National Veterans & Military Service reporting information, please send a copy to State Chairman, Paul Hamburger

173 Cherokee Dr., Abita Springs, LA 70420

Email: vfwlanvms@gmail.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT WWW.VFW.ORG AND CLICK ON THE PROGRAM SECTION! Note all deadline dates!

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW ON FACEBOOK, PLEASE GO LIKE OUR PAGE TO BE UPDATED WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

www.facebook.com/vfwdeptla



Make sure you 'like' and 'share' our VFW National Membership Facebook page. We post updates, links, contest reminders, events, etc. for you. Share the good news of the VFW:

<https://www.facebook.com/VFWmembership/>

Future National Convention Dates:

July 31—Aug 5, 2021
Baltimore, MD

July 16-21, 2022
Kansas City, MO

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C. M "Mickey" Carroll
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POST ACTIVITY REPORT:

Please visit the follow link to view the most up-to-date report!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tW08472oUVWiNlpDJeKcARVDKWXdM_TqV9luE_XYaU/edit?usp=sharing

Department Conference/ Convention Dates:

2019-2020
SC- June 20, 2020 (Post 8971)

2020-2021
CofA- August 14-16, 2020
MW-January 14-17, 2021
SC- June 24-27, 2021

From the desk of the State Commander.

It has been a challenging year for us. We have lost time, revenue, and membership, it has been tough. Still with all the adversity that we faced some Posts were able to meet and exceed all the requirements and make the All-State Team, others missed only by a little. I would personally thank them for the effort and a job well done. To the rest I hope you can regain your progress and overcome the losses.

Coming into this year I had a dream of what the VFW should be but a dream without a plan is just a WISH and that is where I failed because there was no plan. If we are going to change direction there must be a mission plan put into place and the Commander and Officers of the VFW, (state, district and post) must work together. There must be training, at the post and district level so we prepare our leadership for the work to be done. We need to identify where we need posts to be formed and provide start-up cost, transfer members and send a leadership team in to recruit and find meeting places.



**State Commander
C. M "Mickey" Carroll**

Membership needs training to prepare them for leadership. Today many posts have trouble filling out an election report and the same names are being used over and over. State Commanders are having to come back as post and district commanders, instead of supporting and advising they are back in the circle of leadership again.

Our new Commander for the coming year, Bobby Lovergne, has started out with a plan to begin the turnaround, however, it cannot be just his plan, it has to be his Senior and Junior vice commanders as well as District commanders. They must devote their time and energy to make it work. This plan needs to change with time and be redirected when needed. Our problem could be that each State Commander has their own priorities and go whatever direction they wish instead of being given a mission by you. I will ask future Commanders to stabilize membership, let the temporary members fall off and work toward 100% voluntary membership. Voluntary retention should be the goal of every Post, District and State Commander. The last indicator of a good post is 100% membership. The real factors are membership and community interaction that attracts the quality of member that can keep the post moving forward and provide leadership when the time comes for them to step-up.

In closing I thank all of you for the kindness you have given. Seeing what you do has made me a better person and I wish all of you the best. Let us, together put a plan in place to stop the losses and regain the members and posts that have disappeared.

**Get Well Messages:
To all recovering from illness and surgeries. Blessings to all!**

"No One Does More For Veterans"

A note from the Senior Vice Commander....

As I sit here and write this update for our June Mail Call, I am reflecting on the last 3 months and the giant steps we as a Department have made with the use of technology. I have had the opportunity to host 3 monthly meetings of Post 3750 via Zoom, installed the new officers of District 2 via Zoom, assisted in installing District 3 with the Social Distancing rules applied and also watched as they had an in person and Zoom meeting all at once. Folks whether you like it or not Technology is here to stay so embrace it. Our upcoming Department Convention will also be live streamed on Zoom for those that cannot make it to Eunice as well.

I look forward to the School of Instruction in August to be able and celebrate with all of you the accomplishments that many within our Department have earned in 2019-2020. Having Department Commander Carroll and President Herndon honor their yearly winners will just add to the enthusiasm I am hoping to inspire to get my year started. The Leadership Team (Swamp Dawgs) have been working behind the scenes putting our game plan together to hit the ground running on July 1, 2020. Let's not wait until August 16, 2020 after the SOI to begin your work, start early and finish early.

The plans for the Joint District Training Program that the Department will be providing are well underway and we want to have max participation for all 4 of the events. Post Commanders your District Commanders will have the information for you and I will send each of you an email providing you with the details. Please make plans to have your members present and take advantage of this training to help you and your Post be successful in 2020-2021. We can give you the tools but you and your members have to make the decision to use them.

I am still taking shirt orders, if you would like one please email me and I will send you a form or you can go to the VFW Members Only Facebook page and the form is there. Thanks to all of you who have already purchased shirts. Looking forward to what the next few months bring and remember to continue to work the Membership Program, lets help Mickey get to 100%.

Funds are still being raised for the National Desert Storm War memorial and thanks to those Post and Districts who have already donated. This is the last year of our fundraising efforts for the memorial, and I hope that all Posts and Districts step up and donate to make this become a reality for all of our Desert Storm Veterans.



**State Sr. Vice Commander
Robert "Bobby" Lovergne**

A note from the State Junior Vice Commander.....

As we continue to struggle with the reopening of our communities, remember all the accomplishments we have made over the past few months as a Department. We have advanced through the fog of the unknown, found and embraced new technology to take us through and now we use it to our advantage. I know that we will continue to progress as we face more challenges in the future. And it is spectacular.

Community service reporting online is continuing to improve with more posts reporting the good work they are doing. Thank you for the great work! Keep it up.

Please continue to check in with your fellow post members, other veterans you may know, and their families. Continued isolation and social distancing can lead to other health issues that can become worse with time.

As I move into the last month of my year as the Jr Vice Commander I want to thank everyone that has given me mentorship and help throughout the year. The knowledge that I have gained about the National Organization and the Department over the year has been outstanding. Again, thank you for having faith in me to hold this position in the Department.

With that being said, I will leave you with a quote. *"Anyone, anywhere can make a positive difference."* Mark Sanborn



State Jr. Vice Commander

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, DEPT OF LA
STATE CONVENTION AGENDA**

JUNE 20, 2020

VFW POST 8971

3809 HWY 190, EUNICE, LA 70535

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	VFW Registration Desk
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Opening Session & Memorial Services
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	VFW 1 st Business Session
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	VFW 2nd Business Session
	Nomination, Elections & Installation
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies

**VFW AUXILIARY, DEPT. OF LA
STATE CONVENTION AGENDA**

JUNE 20, 2020

VFW POST 8971

3809 HWY 190, EUNICE, LA 70535

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	AUXILIARY Registration Desk
10:00 a.m – 10:30 a.m.	Opening Session & Memorial Services
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	AUX 1 st Business meeting
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	AUX 2nd Business meeting
	Nomination, Elections & Installation
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Installation Ceremony
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies

Crisis Services during the Coronavirus 2020

VFW National has approved a Video Agency to come to Louisiana and video, any he that will be done to assist during the Coronavirus Pandemic crises.

I know that Post 3337, 8290, 4224 did food drives to feed groups of people, 8971 had a blood drive and food drive, Post 3750, June 16, 2020 doing a first responders food drive and Auxiliary members are making masks for people. Now we need feed back from everyone -- on who/which post/aux is doing something now, so that the video agency can come to Louisiana to video and write up what Louisiana VFW & Aux are doing to Make a Difference.

I am certain that we have more members doing crises services and we need all of your in-put. Dept has set up a **direct contact** for reporting what is to be done. Don't forget June 14, 2020, Flag Day, maybe Post/Aux can set up a drive to assist the community. Has anyone done anything for hospital workers?

ALL ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT SVC BOBBY LOVERGNE, 504-251-5628, email: bobbylovergne@yahoo.com

Again, thank all of you what you do for VFW, our veterans and communities.



**Council of Administration
Luncheon Awards Banquet
Tickets - \$15.00 each**

**Mail to: Department Headquarters 10185 Mammoth Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA**

Deadline to purchase tickets is August 5, 2020

Name: _____

Post/Aux: _____

Phone #: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

BBQ Lunch

Come join us for 2019-20 Awards program

&

Celebrate Installation of 2020-2021 Officers

Make checks payable to: Department of Louisiana, VFW!

Please DO NOT CALL in your request for tickets. Tickets will be assigned on a first come first serve bases

No tickets will be held without payment.

For Dept records:

Received date: _____ *Cash/Check #:* _____ *Amount: \$*__